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SUBJECT: SARG READY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH BORDER ASSESSMENT
DELEGATION, BUT NO SPECIFICS YET

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Classified By: CDA Chuck Hunter for reasons 1.5 b and d.

(S) Post delivered reftel demarche and non-paper along with dipnotes requesting SARG assistance in receiving the USCENTCOM-led delegation scheduled to arrive in Damascus on August 12. We confirmed by phone the MFA's receipt of the package with Husam Alaa, Chief of Staff for Vice Minister Faisal Miqdad. Husam told us the Syrian side would be ready to receive the U.S. delegation. He was not yet able, however, to provide information on the composition of the Syrian team or a substantive response to our proposal for a joint assessment of three Syrian border points-of-entry. He said the SARG would study the U.S. nonpaper and provide a response in due course. We are attempting to arrange a meeting between the Charge and Alaa to gain more insights into Syrian thinking prior to the U.S. delegation's arrival.

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